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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 2356

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 2356, AS AMENDED,
3 by replacing everything after the enacting clause with the
4 following:

5 "Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
6 Research Dogs and Cats Adoption Act.

7 Section 5. Definitions. In this Act:

8 "Animal adoption organization" means any nonprofit
9 organization incorporated for the purpose of adopting animals
10 in need and finding permanent, adoptive homes for the animals.

11 "Research facility" means an institution of higher
12 education or corporation located in this State that receives
13 public funds, federal or State, for scientific, educational, or
14 research purposes or a facility that provides research in
15 collaboration with an institution of higher education with the
16 use of public funds and benefits from the result of that

1 research.

2 "Research facility adoption policy" means a prominently
3 displayed adoption policy for dogs and cats that details the
4 specific steps that staff, students, or the public can take to
5 adopt a dog or cat that is no longer needed for research,
6 testing, or education and, in the opinion of the institution's
7 animal care committee and supervising veterinarian, would be a
8 suitable dog or cat to be adopted.

9 Section 10. Research dogs and cats adoption requirement.

10 (a) A research facility that owns and confines dogs or cats
11 for scientific, educational, or research purposes and has
12 completed all research requirements using the dog or cat shall
13 then determine which animals are suitable for adoption under
14 their research facility adoption policy and shall post a list
15 of animals available under this policy. Any dogs or cats still
16 available after employees, staff, and students have had an
17 opportunity to adopt them shall be offered to a local animal
18 adoption organization approved by the institution's animal
19 care committee that has indicated to the facility that it would
20 be willing to take the animals into its care. Dogs or cats
21 belonging to private individuals that have been donated or
22 loaned to the facility for medical trials or research and are
23 to be returned to the owner are exempt from the requirements of
24 this subsection (a).

25 (b) A research facility that is required to offer dogs or

1 cats to an animal adoption organization under this Section may
2 enter into an agreement with the animal adoption organization
3 to protect the research facility from liability.

4 (c) A research facility that provides dogs or cats to an
5 animal adoption organization under this Section is immune from
6 any civil liability resulting from the research facility's
7 actions as described under this Section, except for willful or
8 wanton misconduct.

9 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
10 becoming law.".